

The Documentary History of the Campaign on the Niagara Frontier in 1813.

PART I.

JANUARY TO JUNE, 1813.

An Address from the Legislative Assembly of Upper Canada to the Inhabitants of the Province. (August, 1812.)

Already we have the joy to remark that the spirit of loyalty has burst forth in all its ancient splendor.

The Militia in all parts of the Province have volunteered their services with acclamation and displayed a degree of energy worthy of the British name.

They do not forget the blessings and privileges which they enjoy under the protection and fostering care of the British Empire, whose government is only felt in this country by acts of the purest justice and most pleasing and efficacious benevolence.

When men are called upon to defend everything they call precious, their wives and children, their friends and possessions, they ought to be inspired with the noblest resolutions, and they will not be easily frightened by menaces or conquered by force.

And beholding, as we do, the flame of patriotism burning from one end of the Canadas to the other, we cannot but entertain the most pleasing anticipations.

Our enemies have indeed said that they can subdue this country by proclamation, but it is our part to prove to them that they are sadly mistaken, that the population is determinedly hostile and that the few who might be otherwise inclined will find it prudent for their safety to be faithful.

Innumerable attempts will be made by falsehood to detach you from your allegiance; for our enemies, in imitation of their European master, trust more to treachery than to force, and they will no doubt make use of many of those lies which, unfortunately for the virtuous part of those States and the peace and happiness of the world, had too much success during the American rebellion. They will tell you that they are come to give you freedom. Yes, the base slaves of the most contemptible faction that ever distracted the